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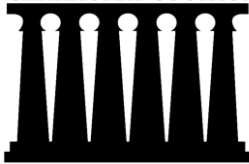
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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BRINGS REMINDER TO CHECK SMOKE ALARMS AND EMERGENCY KITS

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick County Division of Emergency Management and Division of Fire and Rescue Services remind citizens to change their smoke alarm batteries and check their emergency supply kit when they change the clock forward one hour on Sunday, March 11. Working [smoke alarms](#) save lives; batteries should be changed every six months.

Smoke Alarm Tips:

- Replace smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Place one alarm outside every room where someone sleeps.
- Place at least one smoke alarm on each floor, including the basement, regardless of whether someone sleeps on a particular floor.
- Test your alarms once a month.
- Change the batteries in every alarm twice a year, usually when you change the clock in the fall and spring.
- When your smoke alarm sounds an alarm, everybody should evacuate the house using your escape plan.

Citizens should also make sure their emergency supply kit is not missing any items and replace any food or medications that have expired. If you do not have an emergency kit, now is the time to create one!

For additional preparedness information, visit

www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/READY or call 301-600-1746.

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